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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

## In the Specification

Before the first line of text in the application insert the following:

- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/176,779,

filed January 19, 2000, under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Remarks

By this Amendment, applicant has amended the specification to cross-note to the U.S. Provisional Application from which the present application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

Respectfully submitted,

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